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1. A machine tool plant was on the southern outskirts of Kolonna (55°05'N/39°45'E), on the northern bank of the Oka River, just northwest of the road bridge. * The plant, which was being enlarged to the west, covered about 1,400 x 800 meters. The eastern section of the plant dated back to prewar times. The plant had a railroad connection. Power was supplied by a long-distance line from Moscow, but the plant had an emergency generator. **

2. The plant produced various types of lathes, including a monthly output of 25 special lathes for projectiles. These special lathes were 6 and 8 meters long (sic). Since November 1948, gear milling machines and bogie wheels, 60 cm in diameter, had been produced, with the production of gear milling machines reaching seven a month in October 1949. *** Several thousand laborers worked in each of the three shifts at the plant, and 1,200 PWs were employed for construction work.

3. [redacted] the plant's old section, which was in operation, had brick and steel buildings covered with gray stucco. Enlargement of the plant, reportedly to become the largest and most modern one of its type in the U.S.S.R., started in the summer of 1948 and was scheduled for completion in 1960. Structural parts came from Krupp in Essen, cranes and trolleys from MAN in Germany, and machines and equipment from the Schiess Machine Factory in Dusseldorf. Piles of well built wooden crates containing reamed machines wrapped in oil paper were scattered in the area of the new plant. The crates were [redacted] covered with canvas. Large parts, such as boiler installations, cranes, iron girders, were stored in the open and were very rusty. The new section covered an area of about 2,000 x 1,500 meters and the old plant covered about 800 x 500 meters. The new plant section had five construction sites. **

4. The old plant section produced machine tools and straightening machines for guns.*** The new section was not in operation. No details are available on the plant's work force, but the completed plant will allegedly employ 10,000.

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* [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the location
of this plant, the former Voroshilov Gun Factory in Kolonna.

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** [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] This report is the first detailed informa-
tion received on the great project for enlarging the plant to the west or to
the northwest. [REDACTED]

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** [REDACTED] Comment. It is known from other records that the plant has been converted
to the production of machine tools.

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